

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1 at line 1, please insert the following new section title and section:

--RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage filing of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/001756, filed February 2, 2005, through which and to which priority is claimed to Japanese Priority Patent Application Nos. 2004-124992, filed April 21, 2004 and 2004-247666, filed August 27, 2004.--

On pages 2-3, please amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

--[0006] The object of the present invention can be attained by an acrylic elastomer composition, which comprises a carboxyl group-containing acrylic elastomer and a thiazole-based compound. As a carboxyl group-containing acrylic elastomer, an aliphatic unsaturated dicarboxylic acid monoalkyl ester-copolymerized acrylic elastomer can be preferably used, the carboxyl group-containing acrylic elastomer ~~composition~~ can be generally vulcanization-molded by a vulcanizing agent of polyvalent amine compound.--

On page 4, please amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

--[0010] The alkoxyalkyl acrylate for use herein includes, for example, methoxymethyl acrylate, methoxyethyl acrylate, ethoxyethyl acrylate, n-butoxyethyl acrylate, ethoxypropyl acrylate, etc. and 2-methoxyethyl acrylate and 2-ethoxyethyl acrylate are preferable. Alkoxyalkyl acrylate and alkyl acrylate can be also used individually alone, but preferably ~~the formed~~ alkyl acrylate can be used in a proportion of 100 to about 60wt.%, and alkoxyalkyl acrylate ~~the latter~~ in a proportion of 0 to about 40wt.%. When alkoxyalkyl acrylate is copolymerized, the balance between the oil resistance and the low-temperature resistance will be better, but when copolymerized in a higher proportion, there will be a tendency to lower the normal state physical properties and the heat resistance.--

On page 6, please amend paragraph [0015] as follows:

--[0015] Together with the vulcanizing agent, it is preferable to use a ~~the afore-mentioned~~ vulcanization promoter or various other vulcanization promoter to be used together with the vulcanizing agent of polyvalent amine compound.--